

the forward, free end of the plunger and engaging pivotably in slots in the end faces of the locking elements.

18. (new): Lock pin according to Claim 17, wherein the plunger has on its forward, free end two parallel fork-extensions circumscribing a recess in which two bearing-axles of the locking elements are pivotably held and wherein the fork-extensions engage seats in the bearing plunger guided under spring loading, and are thereby guided. --

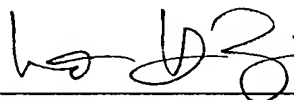
REMARKS

Claims 1-9 in the PCT application have been canceled and presented as new claims 10-18 for examination to eliminate multiple dependent claims and to comply with PTO practice.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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